



South Coast Air Quality Management District

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**SUBJECT: NOTICE OF EXEMPTION FROM THE CALIFORNIA
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT**

**PROJECT TITLE: PROPOSED RULE 314 – FEES FOR ARCHITECTURAL
COATING MANUFACTURERS**

Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) is the Lead Agency and will prepare a Notice of Exemption for the project identified above.

Pursuant to CEQA, the SCAQMD is the Lead Agency and has reviewed the proposed Rule 314 pursuant to CEQA Guidelines §§15002 (k)(1) and 15061. The proposed project establishes fees for architectural coatings manufacturers who distribute or sell their manufactured architectural coatings into or within the SCAQMD area of jurisdiction for use in the SCAQMD area of jurisdiction. Because the purpose of the fees is to recover the program costs for implementing Rule 1113 – Architectural Coatings, it is statutorily exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines §15273 - Rates, Tolls, Fares and Charges. A Notice of Exemption has been prepared pursuant to CEQA Guidelines §15062 - Notice of Exemption. The Notice of Exemption will be filed with the county clerks of Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside and San Bernardino counties immediately following the adoption of the proposed project.

Any questions regarding this Notice of Exemption should be sent to Michael Krause (c/o Planning, Rule Development & Area Sources) at the above address. Mr. Krause can also be reached at (909) 396-2706.

Date: June 6, 2008

Signature: Steve Smith

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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

To: County Clerks of
Los Angeles, Orange,
Riverside, San Bernardino

From: South Coast Air Quality Management District
21865 Copley Drive
Diamond Bar, CA 91765

Project Title:

Proposed Rule 314 – Fees for Architectural Coating Manufacturers

Project Location:

South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) area of jurisdiction consisting of the four-county South Coast Air Basin (Orange County and the non-desert portions of Los Angeles, Riverside and San Bernardino counties), and the Riverside County portions of the Salton Sea Air Basin and the Mojave Desert Air Basin.

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

The proposed project will require architectural coatings manufacturers who distribute or sell their manufactured architectural coatings into or within the SCAQMD area of jurisdiction for use in the SCAQMD area of jurisdiction to apply for a company identification number and submit an Annual Quantity and Emissions Report. The proposed project establishes fees for: filing, change of architectural coatings manufacturer, and Annual Quantity and Emissions Reporting. In addition, the proposed rule will include recordkeeping requirements and procedures for: amendments to the Annual Quantity and Emissions Reports, refund of fees for overpayment, fee payments and late filing surcharges, and returned checks. Finally, PR 314 provides a provision for confidentiality of reported information and provides approved test methods.

Public Agency Approving Project:

South Coast Air Quality Management District

Agency Carrying Out Project:

South Coast Air Quality Management District

Exempt Status:

General Concepts [CEQA Guidelines §15002 (k)(1)]; and
Rates, Tolls, Fares and Charges [CEQA Guidelines §15273]

Reasons why project is exempt:

Having reviewed the proposed project pursuant to CEQA Guidelines §15002(k) - Three Step Process, the SCAQMD has determined that the proposal is statutorily exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines §15273 - Rates, Tolls, Fares and Charges, because the proposed project establishes fees for architectural coatings manufacturers who distribute or sell their manufactured architectural coatings into or within the SCAQMD area of jurisdiction for use in the SCAQMD area of jurisdiction for the purpose of recovering the program costs for establishing and implementing Rule 1113 – Architectural Coatings.

Certification Date:

SCAQMD Governing Board Hearing: June 6, 2008, 9:00 a.m.; SCAQMD Headquarters

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